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April 27, 2009

BBC Current News Event (Educational Purpose)

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World Alert to the Spread Of Swine Flu

Click on the following news link, take a quick look of the news and write down your answer to the questions.

1. How Many countries have found confirmed cases of the epidemic?
2. What measures did the Mexico government take to stop the spread?
3. What preventive measures did the airport authorities take worldwide?
4. In world history, in which year did a flu pandemic cause the largest number of death tolls?
5. Is there vaccine for the virulent disease? Symptoms of the flu?
6. What good personal hygiene may help protect you?

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/8020676.stm>

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April 24, 2009

Story Board: Being A Story Critic

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Story-telling is a charming art! It is not a privilege only for the gifted; it can be fun for all who would like to give it a try!

Now Try to read the story created by the following classmates and try to make an analysis of their stories.

08 Li-Shue and 09 Yi-Jie

[10 Jiang Wan-Ting](#) & [11 Yi Mong-ting](#)

[26 Hsie hsin-Ting](#) & [27 Chian Yu-Juan](#)

Story Analysis:

1. What is the setting of the story? When and Where?

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2. Who are the major characters in the story and what are their major traits?

3. What is the major conflict or problem in the story? How is it solved? Or left unsolved?

4. Is there any question or points left undeveloped?

5. What is the best part of the story?

Leave your comment as a reply to this post or the story post of the author.

Format:

Name: Mr. Yu Number: 01

Story Analysis: String Puppet

1. Modern times, location

2.

3.

4.

5.

Comments (27)

Standing one shoulder of Giants: Two Commencement Speeches

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Before you get down to write down your advice for the freshpeople, you got to read and think how others have thought about this topic! Now the watch and read the following two speeches, and try to answer the questions. And think about what you have to say for your future lower classmates.

1. Steve Jobs's commencement speech at Stanford Univeristy:

Read the speech and answer the following questions:

A. Please summarize one of Job's three stories and the message he wants to share with the graduates through the story?

B. Where did he learn about the quote, "Stay hungry, stay foolish"? What does it mean to him?

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<http://tw.youtube.com/watch?v=D1R-jKKp3NA>

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<http://news-service.stanford.edu/news/2005/june15/jobs-061505.html>

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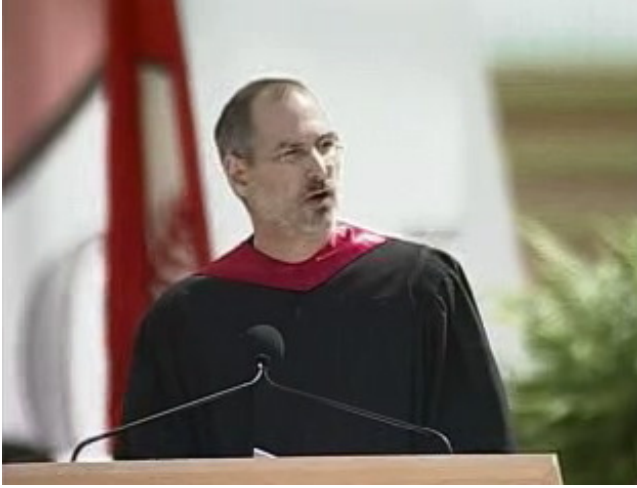
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2. J K Rowling's Commencement Speech at Harvard:

Questions to answer:

A. Ms. Rowling confessed to be extremely anxious preparing for the speech. But when she tried to recall the one she had in her own ceremony, she felt much relieved. Why?

B. What was the first lesson she shared with the graduates? How did she support her claim?

C. What was the second? What personal experience was cited to illustrate her point?

Text and Video on the Website:

<http://harvardmagazine.com/commencement/the-fringe-benefits-failure-the-importance-imagination>



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October 29, 2008

Link to the Screenplay of Gattaca

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Please link to the following website and look up three quotes from the

play that you find inspiring or thought-provoking. Please give a brief account of the reason why you choose them.

http://www.script-o-rama.com/movie_scripts/g/gattaca-script-screenplay.html

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ABC NEWS: How much do you make?

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How much do you make?

It'd be no secret in Scandinavia

**Three Countries Publish All Their
Citizens' Salaries Online Every Year**

By Jeffrey Stinson, USA TODAY

LONDON, June 22, 2008

**[http://abcnews.go.com/Business/Story?
id=5199974&page=1](http://abcnews.go.com/Business/Story?id=5199974&page=1)**

**Read the news report and think about
the following questions.**

- 1. What is the reason why the
Scandinavians are willing to have their
financial records published?**
- 2. If you were to choose between the
American way or the Scandinavian way,**

which one would you like?

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Basic Format for Writing Assignment

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Dear All,

For each of your Writing Assignment, please follow the following format.

1. **Class, Number, and Name** on the **Top Left**.
2. Topic **Bold-faced &, Capitalized** in the **Middle**
3. **Double-Spaced** for each line. ()
4. **Font: New Times Roman 12.5~13.5**
5. **One Single Page-You may try, not necessary.** (Try to adjust the margin, Minimum 1.2 cm)

Some deduction on your score is inevitable if you fail to meet the top four requirements. Thanks for your cooperation.

30214 □□□ **Reading Afterthought: Judy Blume's <Forever>**

“Forever” is a book with great content and lovely cover written by Judy Blume. It’s about a story of teenagers. Katherine and Michael meet at a party. The attention between them is instantaneous. Attraction goes to love, and to an intense and exclusive relationship. When they decide that their love is forever they have sex. But the future is not as simple as they want it to be. For Katherine’s parents insist that she and Michael spend the summer apart.

There are some sex scenes inside the book but not so intense. The point is that I found something extremely educational. Katherine goes to a doctor to ask for some advice before having sex with Michael. It goes without saying that having sex without preparing preventing measures and fundamental sense is sure of troublesome consequences.

In addition, I always believe that falling in love is magically like crazy. It resembles an eternal flame as if it is impossible to snuff out. But I am only at the age of seventeen, like the characters in the book. To speak frankly, I am not sure that I am ready for a love that is for good though I had some experience. It’s so ironic

that Katherine and Michael says, “I love you forever.” to each other at every moments but end up breaking up.

“Forever” is not an easy word that should be underestimated especially for teenagers even adults. There are still various things we have to learn and experience. Because building an everlasting love or relationship is not as simple as we want it to be, is it?

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October 17, 2008

Criterion ETS Topic Writing-Advicie for Freshman

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Advice to Freshman (Expository) □□□□□□□□

As a senior, you will soon be graduating from your high school. What advice would you

give a freshman at your school to help them have happy, productive years in high school?

Write an essay detailing the experiences and advice you feel would be helpful to

someone beginning his or her high school years.

http://www.criterion.com.tw/image/criterion_topics_complete.pdf

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October 3, 2008

Instructions on Peer Editing on Leadership Topic Writing

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Dear Pals,

After you finsih the writing, it is essential for you to proofread and edit it.

After all that, you can publish your work and share it with the world.

In addition to self proof-read, we often require other readers to help us revise our writing.

We can take advice from others to see if any changes or improvment are necessary.

2 people work together to help each other’s essay. For example, No. 2 and No. 3, Number 4 and No. 5, so forth.

Help pick up mistakes and make corrections on sentence structure, word choice, punctuation, or spelling, and then give some comments on its content, organization.

Please give your comments in the following format.

Example:

Proofreader: 202 00 Chen Chien-chou, Joseph

1. Corrcetions:

It talks about the price of Troy, Paris, ~~fall in love~~ with the queen of Myceane, Helen.

falling in love

The love which was not allowable ~~cause~~ the war between two men and two countries.

caused

The war situation was so intense that both of the troops ~~died~~ too many soilders.

were killed

Intelligent Odysseus ~~adviced a plain to~~ defeat Troy

collocation dictionary: <http://140.122.83.196/cgi-bin/cgiwrap/~hjchen/colocation2/query.pl>

suggested/proposed/devised a plan

2. Content and Organization:

Nice work! You have given sufficient details and examples to support your ideas, and the main idea is clearly expressed in one topic sentence. Well-Supported. Nice Work!

Comments (2)

September 14, 2008

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Please click the folowing website for the whole article.

<http://www.ceec.edu.tw/CeecMag/articles/142-2.htm>

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Resources Online for Learning English

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